AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

I. Please replace the two consecutive paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 10, which starts with "When connecting a digital camera to an..." with the following amended paragraphs.

When connecting a digital camera to an external ~~devise~~ device such as a personal computer, there are the cases where the digital camera is recognized as a mass storage device by the external ~~devise~~ device and the cases where it is recognized thereby as a camera such as a PC camera. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-271721 discloses that it is switched by an operation mode (a recording mode or a reproduction mode) of the camera or switched by key operation as to which device to be recognized as.

There is a digital camera having a mass storage mode and a Picture Transfer Protocol (PTP) mode as communication modes for communicating with the external ~~devise~~ device and capable of having these modes selected by a user on a setup menu screen of the camera. In the case of this digital camera, it is recognized as a mass storage device (external recording medium) by the external ~~devise~~ device if the communication mode thereof is set at the mass storage mode. If set at the PTP mode, it is possible to select an image to be transferred by the camera and press a transfer button provided to the camera so as to send the selected image to the personal computer and so on.

II. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2, which starts with "..." with the following amended paragraphs.

In order to attain the above-described object, the present invention is directed to an image sending and receiving system, comprising: an image sending apparatus which

comprises: an image capturing device which captures an image; a recording device which records the captured image on a recording medium; an image selecting device which selects a desired image of images recorded on the recording medium; a first communication device which has a first communication mode capable of sending an image capturing command to an external ~~devise~~ device and sending the selected image, and a second communication mode for functioning as an external recording device for the external ~~devise~~ device; a transfer instruction device which outputs a transfer instruction for transferring the image selected by the image selecting device to the external ~~devise~~ device through the first communication device; and an automatic mode switching device which automatically switches between the first communication mode and the second communication mode in the first communication device; and an image receiving apparatus which comprises: a second communication device which performs at least communication in the first communication mode with the image sending apparatus; a recording device which records the image received through the second communication device; and a mode switch control device which controls a switch between the communication modes of the image sending apparatus, wherein: on checking that there has been the transfer instruction of the image from the transfer instruction device, the mode switch control device of the image receiving apparatus determines whether or not the communication mode with the image sending apparatus is the first communication mode, and sends a conversion command for ordering change to the first communication mode if determined that a current communication mode of the image sending apparatus is not the first communication mode; and on receiving the conversion command from the image receiving apparatus, the automatic mode switching device of the image sending

apparatus switches the communication mode of the first communication device to the first communication mode.

III. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20, which starts with "..." with the following amended paragraphs.

The first communication device on the image sending apparatus side has the first communication mode capable of, if there is the transfer instruction of the image from the transfer instruction device such as the transfer button, sending the image capturing command to the external ~~devises~~ devices and sending the image and the second communication mode for being recognized as the external recording medium for the external ~~devises~~ devices and being read and written by the external ~~devises~~ devices. These communication modes are automatically switched by the automatic mode switching device according to the transfer instruction of the image by the transfer instruction device.

IV. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 which starts with "..." with the following amended paragraphs.

Preferably, the automatic mode switching device of the image sending apparatus switches the communication mode of the second communication device to the second communication mode in a case where a current communication mode is the first communication mode and it is in a non-connected state after connecting to the external devise device. According to the present invention, the second communication mode is a

standard communication mode, and it automatically switches to the first communication mode if the transfer instruction device is operated.

V. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 32, which starts with "..." with the following amended paragraphs.

The present invention is also directed to an image sending apparatus, comprising: an image capturing device which captures an image; a recording device which records the captured image on a recording medium; an image selecting device which selects a desired image of images recorded on the recording medium; a communication device which has a first communication mode capable of sending an image capturing command to an external ~~devise~~ device and sending the selected image, and a second communication mode for functioning as an external recording device for the external ~~devise~~ device; a transfer instruction device which outputs a transfer instruction for transferring the image selected by the image selecting device to the external devise device through the communication device; and an automatic mode switching device which automatically switches between the first communication mode and the second communication mode in the communication device, wherein on receiving the conversion command ordering change to the first communication mode from the image receiving apparatus through the communication device, the automatic mode switching device switches the communication mode of the communication device to the first communication mode.

VI. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20, which starts with "..." with the following amended paragraphs.

The digital camera 100 has a power switch 102, a shutter button 104, a mode dial 106 for setting various modes such as a shooting mode and a reproduction mode, a multifunction right-left and up-down arrow key 108 to be used for frame advance, menu selection, etc. on zoom operation and reproduction, a "Return" button 110 for canceling an operation and returning to a preceding state, a "Menu/Execute" button 112 for displaying a menu screen and executing a menu selected by operating the arrow key 108, a liquid crystal monitor 114, and a transfer button 116 for transferring the selected image to external ~~devises~~ devices provided thereto.

VII. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 29, which starts with "..." with the following amended paragraphs.

As for communication devices of the digital camera 100, it has a USB connector 146 to be connected to the USB cable 300, and a USB interface 148 for performing two-way communication of the data including the image data with the external ~~devises~~ devices connected through the USB connector 146 provided thereto. Once USB-connected to the external ~~devises~~ devices, the digital camera 100 automatically enters a communication mode. As for this communication mode, it has a mass storage mode for having the digital camera 100 recognized as a mass storage device by the external ~~devises~~ devices and reading and writing the image from the external devises devices to the memory card 132, and a Picture Transfer Protocol (PTP) mode capable of selecting the image to be transferred on the camera side and sending the selected image to a host such

as the printer 200 by pressing the transfer button 116. These communication modes are automatically switched, and the details thereof will be described later.